

[Guide to the OY2 Easter Islanders File]

[The OY2 Easter Islanders File consists of 15 sources, all of which are in English. The main source is 1: Métraux, an extended ethnographic description which is based on field work and historical research. 15: Routledge is another longer source based on field work, but emphasizing the archaeological background of the island. Historical depth for the file is provided by 5: Roggeveen, 6: Anonymous, 7: Anonymous, 8: Behrens, and 9 Forster. These sources are records of contacts made by the first exploring expeditions during the eighteenth century.

2: Ferdon is a summary of contemporary island society. 3: Drapkin is a brief description of the demography. 4: Métraux analyzes the history and various theories concerning the origin of the Easter Islanders, their script, and their statues. 10: Cooke is a summary account of a visit made during 1886. 11: Lavachéry is a short description of the archaeology of the island as it was known during the 1930's. 12: Routledge gives the results

of an intensive survey of the ruins connected with the bird cult. 13:Routledge is an account of the bird cult, whose associated ceremonies seem to have been the most important on the island. 14:Routledge is a general account of the Mana expedition of 1914-1915, with an emphasis on the history and archeology of the island.

This is a well-balanced file, adequate in most areas for the purpose of cross-cultural comparisons. The file is heavy in the areas of archeology, history, fine arts, mortuary customs, and theories of origin, as might be expected. It is probably deficient in human biology and individual psychology. --Analyst]

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